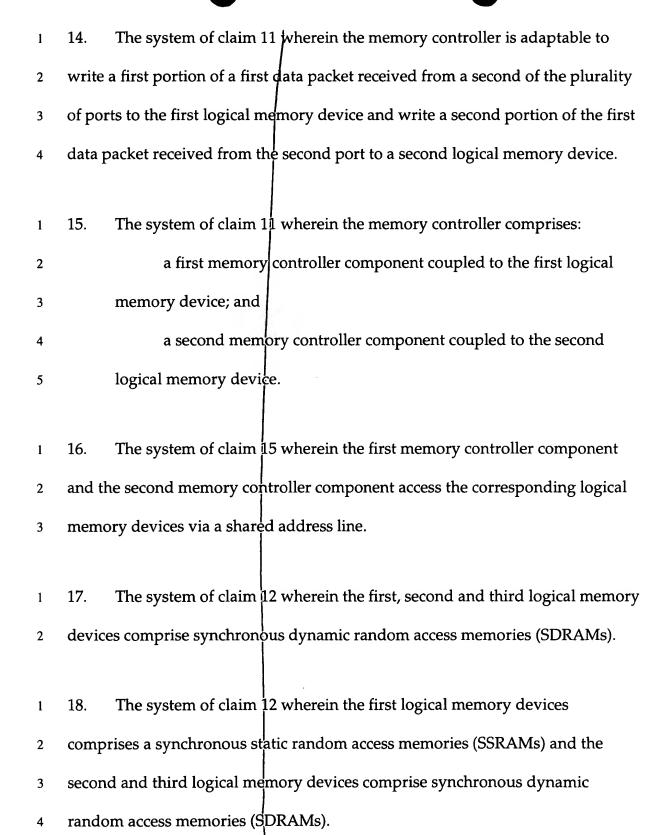
CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A system comprising:
2		a memory, wherein the memory includes a plurality of logical
3		memory devices; and
4		a network switch coupled to the memory, wherein the switch is
5		adaptable to write a first portion of received packet data to a first of the
6		plurality of logical memory devices and to write a second portion of the
7		packet data to a second of the plurality of logical memory devices.
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1	2.	The system of claim 1 wherein the network switch is further adaptable to
2	write	a third portion of received packet data to a third of the plurality of logical
3	memo	ory devices.
1	3.	The system of claim 1 wherein the network switch comprises a memory
2	contro	oller.
1	4.	The system of claim 3 wherein the memory controller comprises:
2		a first memory controller component coupled to the first logical
3		memory device; and
4		a second memory controller component coupled to the second
5		logical memory device.

- 1 5. The system of claim 4 wherein the first memory controller component and
- the second memory controller component access the corresponding logical
- 3 memory devices via a shared address line.
- 1 6. The system of claim 2 wherein the first, second and third logical memory
- devices comprise synchronous dynamic random access memories (SDRAMs).
- 7. The system of claim 2 wherein the first logical memory devices comprises
- 2 a synchronous static random access memories (SSRAMs) and the second and
- third logical memory devices comprise synchronous dynamic random access
- 4 memories (SDRAMs).
- 1 8. The system of claim 3 wherein the memory controller maintains a record
- of the last of the plurality of logical memory devices that was written to.
- 1 9. The system of claim 3 wherein the network switch further comprises:
- 2 a receiver coupled to the memory controller;
- a transmitter coupled to the memory controller;
- address resolution logic coupled to the memory controller; and
- 5 packet queuing control coupled to the memory controller, the
- 6 receiver, the transmitter and the address resolution logic.

- 1 10. The system of claim 3 wherein the network switch further comprises a
- 2 media access controller (MAC) coupled to the receiver, wherein the MAC
- receives packet data via a plurality of ports coupled to the receiver.
- 1 11. A network switch comprising:
- a first media access controller (MAC) coupled to a plurality of
- 3 ports;
- a receiver coupled to the first MAC; and
- a memory controller coupled to the receiver, wherein the memory
- 6 controller is adaptable to write a first portion of a first data packet
- received from a first of the plurality of ports to a first logical memory
- 8 device and write a second portion of the first data packet received from
- 9 the first port to a second logical memory device.
 - 12. The system of claim 11 wherein the memory controller is further
- 2 adaptable to write a third portion of the first data packet received from the first
- 3 port to a third logical memory device.
- 1 13. The system of claim 11 wherein the memory controller is adaptable to
- write a first portion of a second data packet received from the first port to a third
- 3 logical memory device and write a second portion of the second data packet
- 4 received from the first port to a fourth logical memory device.



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1	19.	A method comprising:
2		receiving a first data packet at a network switch;
3		writing a first portion of the first data packet to a first logical
4		memory device coupled to the network switch; and
5		writing a second portion of the first data packet to a second logical
6		memory device coupled to the network switch.
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	20.	The method of claim 19 further comprising writing a third portion of the
2	first d	ata packet to a third logical memory device coupled to the network switch
1	21.	The method of claim 19 further comprising:
2		receiving a second data packet at a network switch;
3		writing a first portion of the second data packet to the first logical
4		memory device; and
5		writing a second portion of the second data packet to the second
6		logical memory device.
1	22.	The method of claim 19 further comprising determining at the network
2	switch	n the last logical memory device to which a portion of the first data packet
3	was w	vritten.
1	23.	The method of claim 22 further comprising:

2		determining whether the size of a third portion of the first data
3		packet is less than a predetermined value; and
4		if so, writing the third portion of the second data packet to both
5		banks of a third logical memory device.
1	24.	The method of claim 22 further comprising:
2		determining whether the size of a third portion of the first data
3		packet is less than a predetermined value; and
4		if not, writing a first sub-portion of the third portion of the first
5		data packet to a first bank of a third logical memory device and writing a
6		second sub-portion of the third portion of the first data packet to a second
7		bank of the third logical memory device.